Testing of Samples of mineral water companies

2400. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 68 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th July, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the samples taken from the Delhi Bisleri Company Limited were also tested in Industrial Toxicology Research Institute, Lucknow, and other similar Government laboratories;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to monitor the samples from Delhi Bisleri Company Limited from time to time and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The samples were tested in the Food Research and Analysis Centre (FRAC) which is located in Delhi and is a laboratory recognised by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) for the purpose of testing packaged drinking water as per IS: 14543.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Transportation cost of sugar

2401. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some State Governments had represented to the Central Government for allowance of actual road transportation charges in respect of lifting of levy sugar under levy sugar price equalization fund scheme; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to alleviate the problems faced by transporters of sugar because of high cost of transportation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.